

Atty. Dkt. No. 016794/0383

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CRYSTALLINE MATERIAL OUT OF A
CENTRIFUGE BASKET

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A copy of each of the listed documents are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

(1)SEARCH REPORT

The foregoing documents came to Applicant's attention during a search of corresponding application. A copy of the search report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

(2) CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

European Patent Publication No. 785 030 A2 relates to a centrifugal filtration for the separation of crystal from liquid.

German Patent Publication No. 1 043 224 is cited in the search report. An English language abstract of the patent publications was not available. Also, an English language translation of the document is not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and M.P.E.P. §609).

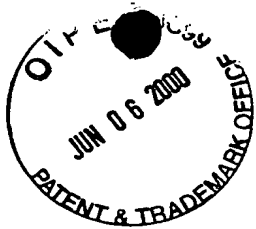
International Publication No. WO 97/15400 relates to a solid scraper assembly for a centrifuge.

(3) TIMING OF FILING OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first office action. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no fee of statement are required.

(4) STATEMENT UNDER §1.97(e)(1)

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.



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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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